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- 1. LOCAL PAN AMERICAN OFFICE POINTS UP FOLLOWING TWO PRACTICES BY GOZ/AIR ZAIRE, BOTH OF WHICH VIOLATE GOZ/USG BILATERAL AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT OF AUGUST 14, 1970:
- A) IMPORT LICENSES ARE PRE-STAMPED WITH INSTRUCTIONS "VIA AIR ZAIRE", EVEN IF AIR ZAIRE DOES NOT OPERATE OVER A PARTICULAR ROUTE. (EXAMPLE IS JOHANNNESBURG-KINSHASA). AIR ZAIRE MAY, AT IT'S DISCRETTION, ENDORSE THESE LICENSES TO OTHER CARRIERS.
- B) ZAIROIS NATIONALS ARE FORCED TO TRAVEL ON AIR ZAIRE, EVEN WITH TICKETS BOUGHT WITH THEIR OWN FUNDS.
- 2. NUMEROUS FOREIGN CARRIERS SERVICING ZAIRE HAVE PROTESTED BOTH THESE PRACTICES TO NO AVAIL. EMBASSY HAS GENERALLY MANAGED TO GET USG-FUNDED GRANTEES ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PAN AMERICAN, BUT ONLY AFTER LONG AND REPETITIVE

HASSLE.

3. DURING INCUMBENCY OF EKETEBI AS STATE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, EMBASSY TRIED TO GET GENERAL DEROGATION FOR ALL GRANTEES. NO LUCK. WE ARE NOW TRYING OUT UP-COMING CASE OF GRANTEE KAPEND AS CATALYST IN NEW APPROACH VIA DEPARTMENT AFFAIRS. HINTON

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